Statement

Expenditure on World Heritage Monuments protected by ASI during 2004-05

(Rs. in lakhs)

Sl. No.	Name of Site	Expenditure incurred
1.	Ajanta Caves	110.74
2.	Ellora Caves	72.92
3.	Agra Fort	219.38
4.	Taj Mahal	145.19
5.	Sun Temple, Konarak	54.73
6.	Group of monuments at Mahabalipuram	62.35
7.	Churches and Convents of Goa	84.21
8.	Group of temples, Khajuraho	42.40
9.	Group of monuments at Hampi	180.60
10.	Group of monuments at Fatehpur Sikri	145.92
11.	Group of temples, Pattadakal	27.28
12.	Elephanta Caves	21.73
13.	Great Living Chola temples at Thanjavur, Gangaikondacholapuram and Darasuram	70.57
14.	Buddhist monuments at Sanchi	12.18
15.	Humayun Tomb, Delhi	85.88
16.	Qutub Minar Complex, Delhi	33.22
17.	Prehistoric Rock shelters of Bhimbetka	7.67
18.	Champaner-Pavagarh Archaeological Park	22.79
	TOTAL:	1,399.76

Restoration of stolen sculptures

1605. SHRI RAJKUMAR DHOOT: Will the Minister of TOURISM AND CULTURE be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that vintage sculptures from Indian temples and historic monuments are being stolen and sold to foreign countries;

(b) if so, the details of such incidents during the last three years;

(c) how many cases have been solved and stolen sculpture restored to original places; and

(d) the steps being taken to prevent such incidents?

THE MINISTER OF TOURISM AND CULTURE (SHRIMATI AMBIKA SONI): (a) and (b) Instances of theft of ancient sculptures have been reported from historic monuments and temples but there is no information that these are sold in foreign countries. A list of such cases in respect of Centrally protected monuments is enclosed as Statement. (*See* below).

(c) Of the seventeen reported theft cases, in seven cases recovery has been made as under:-

(i) in three cases, sculptures were restored to the original place.

(ii) in two cases, sculptures are in police custody.

(iii) in two cases, sculptures are kept in the custody of Archaeological Survey of India.

(d) In order to ensure the security and protection of the ancient sculptures, idols and artifacts, watch and ward staff have been deployed at Centrally protected monuments and archaeological sites. The security has been further supplemented by engagement of Central Industrial Security Force, private security guards and the State police. The Government is also considering the amendment of the Antiquities and Art Treasures Act, 1972 to firmly deal with illicit traffic in antiquities.

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The number of Theft cases during the last three years

Sl. No.	Name of Circle	No. of Theft cases during	No. of cases solved the last three Years	No. of cases where sculptures restored to original places	No. of cases where sculptures are still in police custody	No. of cases where sculptures kept in the custody of A.S.I.
1.	Bhopal	2(Two)	Nil	Nil	Nil	Nil
2.	Bhubaneshwar	1(One)	Nil	Nil	Nil	Nil
3.	Chennai	3(Three)	2(Two)	1(One)	Nil	1(One)
4.	Dehradun	1(One)	1(One)	Nil	1(One)	Nil
5.	Hyderabad	3(Three)	Nil	Nil	Nil	Nil
6.	Jaipur	5(Five)	2(Two)	Nil	1(One)	1(One)
7.	Raipur	2(Two)	2(Two)	2(Two)	Nil	Nil